

died with scarlet fever, which disease is quite prevalent. The burial was private, as the health laws will not allow public funerals resulting from dangerous malady. Memorial service was held in the church Sunday afternoon (March 6th). She was a very sweet little child, and the parents' grief was almost indescribable. It seemed so hard to give her up. But the ways of the Lord are mysterious and perhaps we may yet see good grow out of this apparent affliction, as the father who had never professed the Lord is drawn near to him, and told we with tears, that he was a changed man. Hazel used to tell him the things she learned of the Lord in the Sunday School, and on her death bed she asked him "if she got well, would he take to Sunday School?" To which he promised he would and now has promised he would meet her in heaven. It sometimes requires sore travail to cause some people to "come to themselves," even now as well as in the case of the prodigal. Thus while sickness has been much against our work during the winter in one sense, in another sense the Lord is working where it seemed we could not. Floods of sorrow will sometimes open the doors to the heart when nothing else will.

Some Glad Things. Last week we baptized a brother about fifty-five years old, who long withstood the Lord, but at last accepted him in baptism. He has been an attendant in the mission for several months, and at last is a worker with us. While our work is moving along slowly, we believe it is surely gaining ground. Solid work in this city can scarcely be built up in a day. Sunday night we had a very blessed service, it seemed every song and prayer was blessed of the Lord. Verily God's children have a goodly heritage of joys the world knows not of.

I have read with not a little interest the articles that have appeared from time to time on "Sanctification," pro and con. It is a subject that is very much alive, and it seems the deeper we go into the teachings of the Master, the livelier the subject becomes. The articles read somewhat as if we were trying to define each other's personal experience, instead of letting each one define their own experience. Well, the word is in the Book of God, and I am persuaded from careful reading that the closer we get to God, the better will we know its meaning. When the beloved John was standing at the foot of the cross, and Peter was out repenting his denial of the Master, their experience was not exactly the same. Neither when John reclined on Jesus' bosom, and Peter was reflecting on the object lesson of feet washing, were their experiences the same. But we see both for the remainder of their lives laboring and suffering reproach and daily yielding up their lives for the same Christ. I am profoundly glad that their is food in the word of God for every hungry soul, and that there is reward for every step that brings us nearer the Master. He who searches for the source of Paul's "rejoicings" daily in "tribulations" and "persecutions," while "temptations beset him on every hand," will occasionally get

a glimpse of what the great Apostle means by sanctification. Would that we all had more of it. And pray God daily that he may give it us. When we get to that point where we can say, "Christ is all, and in all," there will be power where there is weakness now. Were that life so pronounced in us as it was in the apostles, so that it would permeate all our prayers, articles for our church papers and sermons, and the every day lives of our members, every member would be in their place in the church service, and we would so love the church and our brethren that not a home would be without a church paper, for we would all wish to know what was being done and what we could do for the cause of the Lord. Go on brethren, I love to read your articles on the subject. When you write I like to have you say something and I know you will say it in kindness.

I have noticed the criticisms of both pulpit and pew on the matter of missions and mission money. And have done some thinking along that line. We may learn profitable lessons from some other denomination on those points. When John Wesley started out, he had something distinctive to teach, and he taught it with all his might. That something was "more holiness in the church." And his teaching produced the proper effect. Now brethren, we launch out into the world, we also have something to teach and I know God will bless our teaching if we do it with all our might. We have the "WHOLE" gospel to teach, commandments, ordinances, blessings, holiness and all, and if we go at it with all our might, our teaching will produce its effect and God will bless us, and our doctrine will be known all over the world. I believe from the reading I have been able to accomplish in the last fifteen years, in history and literature, that no denomination in the world has so much support for its doctrines in history, literature and the Bible as have the Brethren. My brother, have you realized the trust God has placed in your hands? The whole Bible, with no creed to hedge you in, with all the promises of grace, power and holiness, and all the history of the centuries to back you? Now let there be missionary sermons preached in all churches, from a doctrinal standpoint, and money contributed to give to others the truths we love so well.

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THE IDEAL MISSIONARY CONSTITUENCY.— A Sermon

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Now there was at the church which was at Antioch, certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Manaen which had been brought up with Herod the Tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them they sent them away. So they being sent by the Holy Ghost, departed. Acts 13: 1-4.

God so arranged his plan of evangelization, that only the best and most unselfish, the Spirit filled, will go into the mission

field; while the selfish, the carnal, the covetous, the worldly as a rule, will not go nor advocate nor support the cause of missions.

The greatest sacrifice, the greatest consecration, and the greatest power are necessary for the mission cause. This is both true of the missionaries and their supporters. God does not need unsanctified workers nor their money. His plan is such that, as a rule, he does not get them. It is true there are some that go from a selfish motive; and there is some money given in the same way, but it is the exception and not the rule.

The Bible as well as all other missionary history shows that the most unselfish congregations have furnished the best missionaries, and the most money to support them; out of these, God sends the most spiritual into the foreign field, and the most spiritual at home support them. While Jesus Christ was on the earth he taught world wide evangelization in terms unmistakable, but none understood him. Just before he went away, he gave them a national command for a national world. Matt. 28: 19, 20. He also gave an individual command for an individual world. Mark 16: 15, 16. These were given in terms that it would appear that any ordinary child could understand but the disciples could not understand them.

He said, Behold I send the promise of the Father unto you: but tarry ye in Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high. Luke 24: 49. Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Acts 1: 8. After being told all this, God's plan was a sealed book unto them. At Pentecost they received new eyes, new ears, new hearts, new tongues of fire, and the power of the Holy Spirit, such as they never had before. It brightened their vision. God looked thro their eyes and saw what eyes never saw before. They saw the convicting and the converting power of God, but they were near sighted; they did not see the world wide evangelization. Jerusalem was their field, they could not see the regions beyond. They heard the cry "what must we do to be saved?" as they never heard it before. O how those words rang in those new ears, but they were not yet able to hear the far-off cry of the heathen. The fervent love of God for the salvation of souls burned in their hearts; the supernatural love of God was transplanted into their souls. The height of that love extended to the noblest of Israel. Its length may have been endless, but its depths was shallow. It did not reach to the outcast Gentiles. Its breadths was narrow. It did not reach beyond the Jews, and its geographical boundary did not extend beyond Jerusalem. The ripe fields of the Gentiles were unseen. It required four miracles after Pentecost to convince Peter that the Gentiles should have the gospel. What is still worse, they would not go beyond Jerusalem to preach to their own people. God sent persecution and drove them out of Jerusalem to evangel-